

The Parish Family of St. Camillus - St. Virgilius Roman Catholic Church Broad Channel & Rockaway Park



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Mrs. Mary Kay Flynn, Secretary
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Rectory Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 1 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 1 pm, Sunday: 9 am - 11:30 am
Evenings by appointment
Bereavement Group - Wednesdays, 7 pm, St. Camillus Convent
Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon

Office Hours:

St. Virgilius Office closed at present time. All Memorials & Mass Cards, requests and appointments will be handled through the St. Camillus Office - 718-634-8229.

Catholic Cemeteries: 718-894-4888

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm
Sundays: 8:30 am & 11:30 am
Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday: 9 am
Saturday: 12 Noon
Holy Days of Obligation Mass: Holy Day: 9:00 am & 12 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):
Saturdays: 11:00 am to 11:45 am & 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm
Sundays: 10:00 am
Weekday Masses: Monday to Thursday: 8 am
Holy Days of Obligation Mass: Vigil: 7:30 pm Holy Day: 10 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):
Saturdays: 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: To baptize your child at St. Camillus-St. Virgilius, you must live in Broad Channel or Rockaway Park or if you live elsewhere, you must be a Registered Parishioner who has attended Sunday Mass at St. Camillus-St. Virgilius for SIX (6) months. Baptisms of relatives who live elsewhere may be accepted with PRIOR PERMISSION from Father Ahlemeyer. Baptisms are celebrated at 1 pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month at St. Virgilius and on the 4th Saturday of the month at St. Camillus. In order to register for the Sacrament of Baptism, parents will be required to complete a registration form, two months before the month they wish to celebrate the Baptism, present a copy of the child's birth certificate, present a certificate of Confirmation for both Godparents, have an interview with a priest, if this is the first child, attend a Baptism class. Visit our website to request a Baptismal form or pick one up at the Rectory Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples are asked to please call the Rectory to arrange an appointment at least **SIX (6)** months before the desired date. Couples are encouraged to come to the Church before other arrangements are set.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Any catholic who will be entering the hospital for surgery or serious illness should call either Parish Office to arrange to be anointed before you enter the hospital. **In case of Emergencies:** Please call the Rectory at any time (718-634-8229). A Communal Celebration is celebrated every First Friday at 12:00 p.m. in St. Camillus Church.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to illness or age should contact either Parish Office. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Holy Communion to the homebound. St. Camillus-St. Virgilius also celebrates Mass and brings Holy Communion to the following Nursing Homes which are located within parish boundaries: Ocean Promenade, Beacon, Park, and Park Inn.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Every catholic family who lives in Rockaway Park (btw 95th Street and 116th Street) and Broad Channel should be registered. Catholics who live outside the parish boundaries and choose to make St. Camillus-St. Virgilius their parish should also register. Contribution envelopes will be mailed to those who request them.

St. Camillus Catholic Academy (Pre-K - 8)

185 B. 99th Street, Rockaway Park, NY 11694 718-634-5260
www.stcamillusca.org
Mr. Ralph Corso, Principal

St. Camillus School strives to provide quality, value-based education that stresses Catholic values in a loving, supportive and disciplined environment, which celebrates the universality of the Church as a whole and the cultural diversity of St. Camillus School in particular; to be a vibrant Christian community of prayer and worship devoted to Christian service as it imparts the message of Jesus Christ.

Office of Faith Formation (Levels 1-8)

99-15 Rockaway Bch. Blvd., Rockaway Park, NY 11694 718-634-8229
Sr. Maureen Ahlemeyer, PBVM

Faith formation is an ongoing development of the whole person into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. Our Religious Education Program strives to provide a solid foundation in our faith, age-appropriate to the students in our program. Students are encouraged to begin formal religion classes in the FIRST GRADE of Public or Private (non-Catholic) Schools.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

St. Camillus Church

Sat. 5:30 PM †Robert Murphy
 Sun. 8:30 AM †Lillian Mitchell - Birthday
 11:30 AM †Burns & Foley Families
 Mon. 9:00 AM †Alexandra Mueller
 Tues 9:00 AM †Helen Hickey
 Wed. 9:00 AM †Marian Lizzio - 1st Ann.
 Thurs. 9:00 AM †Bridie & Mikie Forde - 9th Ann.
 Fri. 9:00 AM †Stephen Wtulich
 Sat. 12:00 PM †Elizabeth Keller
 5:30 PM †Msgr. Thomas F. Brady
 Sun. 8:30 AM †Daniel Boyle
 11:30 AM †Bud Corrigan

St. Virgilius Church

Sat. 4:00 PM †Viola Brown - 21st Ann.
 Sun. 10:00 AM †Michelle Willsen - 2nd Ann.
 Mon. 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 Tues. 8:00 AM Patricia Mills (living) -
 Birthday
 Wed 8:00 AM †Louise O'Callaghan
 Thurs. 8:00 AM †Robert Harren
 Sat. 4:00 PM †Viola Brown - Birthday
 Sun. 10:00 AM †Karen Seim



DEVOTIONS

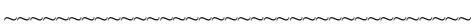
ROSARY & LITANY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER ~ Monday to Friday - The Angelus will be recited before Mass and the Rosary will be recited after Mass at St. Camillus Church.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA ~ Every Monday after the morning Masses at St. Virgilius and at St. Camillus.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA ~ Every Tuesday after the 8 am Mass at St. Virgilius.

BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP ~ Wednesday mornings at 10 am at St. Camillus.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ Fridays during Lent after the 9 am Mass at St. Camillus.



◆ **ALTAR GIFTS** ◆

The Altar Candles at St. Virgilius are given in memory of Aidan Golden by the Flynn Family.

The Altar Bread at St. Virgilius is given in memory of Ray York by Patsy Holmes.



This Week in Scripture

Third Week of Lent

Monday ~ The Annunciation of the Lord
 Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10 ~ Hebrews 10.4-10
 Luke 1.26-38

Tuesday ~
 Daniel 3.25, 34-43 ~ Matthew 18.21-35

Wednesday ~
 Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9 ~ Matthew 5.17-19

Thursday ~
 Jeremiah 7.23-28 ~ Luke 11.14-23

Friday ~
 Hosea 14.2-10 ~ Mark 12.28-34

Saturday ~
 Hosea 6.1-6 ~ Luke 18.9-14

Sunday ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Joshua 5.9a, 10-12 ~ 2 Corinthians 5.17-21
 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

THE SICK: Marvin Bernstein, Gloria Campisi, Grace Caputo, Salvatore Cruz, Lorraine & Jack Didier, Peter DiMarco, Owen Gibson, Edward Griffin, Patrick Murphy, Lewis Oldenbittel, Fr. Timothy O'Sullivan, Herman Schmitt, Sr. Marie Sopr, Robert Waldheim, Fr. John S. Wtulich

THE DECEASED: Robert Gregorio

ALL MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED SERVICES especially those from our parish who are serving our country: Richard Binder, Frank Ciliberti, Kevin Conklin, Kevin Dougherty, Ryszard Dubowicz, Patrick Foye, Gabriella Schrippa

PRAY FOR AND ENCOURAGE VOCATIONS: "I AM has sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, speak with Fr. Richard or contact the Vocation Office: (718) 827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Holy Communion students who celebrated the

Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday. These boys and girls will receive First Holy Communion in May.



Sunday Liturgy

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 12-12; Luke 13.1-9

Focusing the Gospel ~

To the point:

When Jesus tells the crowds that they must repent lest they perish, he is speaking of a spiritual death rather than a physical one. After all, the first part of the gospel is denying the all-too-human belief that bad things only happen to bad people. Instead, we are called to focus on the fruitfulness of our own fig trees. Have we been cultivating and fertilizing the soil of our lives so that we might bear good fruit in the kingdom of God?

Connecting the Gospel ~

To the second reading:

A tone of warning continues in the second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Paul warns the community at Corinth against the scourge of overconfidence: "[W]hoever thinks he is standing secure / should take care not to fall." In the gospel reading we are not told whom Jesus is talking to. But we can assume that whatever the demographics of this particular crowd, Jesus is intent upon warning them against complacency and self-righteousness. The parable of the barren fig tree invited them - as it invites us today - to consider whether we are bearing good fruit or merely exhausting the soil.

To experience:

Each year during the season of Lent we heed the gospel call to repent. This season helps to protect against the overconfidence that St. Paul warns of. Instead of spending our spiritual lives in a self-satisfied bubble, we are called to place them under a microscope and to see where we are in need of God's grace and forgiveness

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."

Luke 13.1-9



NEEDED: LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Please call the

Rectory if you are interested in volunteering as a Lector or Minister of Holy Communion. The next workshop will take place on April 6th at St. Edmund High School, Brooklyn.

THIS WEEK AT SCSV

SUNDAY ~ *Third Sunday of Lent*

Communion Service @ Beacon Nursing Home
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Collection
Camillus Madness BB Tournament in Springman
Baptism Class in SC Church following 11:30 am Mass

MONDAY ~ *Feast of the Annunciation*

SCCA After-School Program
Rockaway Special Athletes in Springman
Graybeard's BB in Springman

TUESDAY

SCCA After-School Program
Confirmation @ SC 5 pm
A.A. Mtg. in SCCA Auditorium (7 pm)
CYO Practice in Springman

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study @ SC Church 10 am
Food Pantry @ Rectory ~ 10 am - 12 noon
SC Golden Age Club @ 12:30 pm Springman
SCCA After-School Program
CCD Levels 1-7 ~ 3:30 - 5 pm
Bereavement Group @ SC Convent 7 pm
100th Pct. Community Council in Springman

THURSDAY

SV Golden Age Club @ American Legion 12:30 pm
SCCA After-School Program
Camillus Madness Basketball Tournament in Springman
A.A. Mtg. in SCCA Auditorium (7 pm)

FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross @ SC 9:30 am
SCCA After-School Program
Camillus Madness Basketball Tournament in Springman

SATURDAY

Men's BB in Springman
Camillus Madness Basketball Tournament in Springman

SUNDAY ~ *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Diocesan Collection ~ Catholic Relief Services
SV Rosary Altar 50/50
Communion Service @ Beacon Nursing Home
Camillus Madness BB Tournament in Springman

EASTER FLOWERS: Since the Bulletin for Easter Sunday must be submitted early, please return any donations to Easter Flowers by Sunday, March 24th to be included on the list which will be published on Easter Sunday.

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~ Stewardship Thought ~

*That we are generous with all of our gifts and  
nurture and develop them to return with increase..*

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> ~ \$4,726.00

Attendance

4:00 pm ~ 110 (55%)    5:30 pm ~ 90 (18%)

8:30 am ~ 93 (19%)    10:00 am ~ 122 (61%)

11:30 am ~ 152 (30%)

*Please Note: The capacity of St. Camillus Church is 500 people and St. Virgilius Church is 200 people. To obtain a better understanding of Mass attendance, we will include percentages of capacity for each Mass.*  
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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON COLLECTION: The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund Collection at Mass this weekend supports ALL the Catholic Schools of the Diocese and Parish Religious Education Programs. St. Camillus-St. Virgilius parish is taxed \$7,500 a year for this fund; and this Collection pays that assessment.

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**DIOCESAN COLLECTION ~ CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES** – March 30 & 31 - The revenue from this collection will be used to support the Catholic Relief Services; the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Discern how to give thanks to God for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is April 6-7, St. Patrick's, Brooklyn. For more information, call 718-646-4435 or visit www.bq-wwme.org.

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**NURSES WANTED:** The Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood are seeking Full Time Nurses - RNs & LPNs for Sisters of St. Joseph Convents in Brentwood, Hempstead and Rockaway. Immediate opening for Evening Shift (2 - 10 pm) at Stella Maris Convent. For more information, please apply to: [resume@csjbrentwood.org](mailto:resume@csjbrentwood.org) or contact Nancy Finley, Human Resources at 631-273-1187 x 127.

**CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BY THE SEA**  
\$10,000 Give Away ~ 18 chances to win \$\$\$\$  
~ \$100 a chance ~ Limited numbers. Drawing will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 4 pm in Church Hall, 102 Noel Road. For tickets call Donny, 347-703-3600 or Joyce 917-854-2202.

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EVENING OF FRATERNITY for men considering the priesthood will be held April 1st, 5 pm - 7 pm at the St. John Paul II House of Discernment. The gathering will include a holy hour, a conference presented by a Brooklyn priest and dinner. For more info contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or go to brooklynpriests.org.



New Yorkers
FOR LIFE

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**NEW YORKERS FOR LIFE:** More than 11,070 New Yorkers have signed

the Repeal Reproductive Health Act petition through the New York State Catholic Bishop Conference's Action Center. The link is at the Action Center <https://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/>

New Yorkers for Life and other NYS-based pro-life organizations are using the same petition language and have distributed a version that can be printed and distributed in paper copy. A copy of the letter/petition is available in Church today for your use.

**LENT, 2019**

**REGULATIONS FOR FAST & ABSTINENCE:**

Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent are DAYS OF ABSTINENCE - No meat for Catholics over the age of 14.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are DAYS OF FAST - limit one FULL meal for Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59 inclusive.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Fridays after the 9 am Mass at St. Camillus.



**6-HOUR DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS & INSURANCE REDUCTION PROGRAM** will be held Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Camillus Springman Hall, 7 - 10 pm. You must attend BOTH nights. **NEW PRICING POLICY**: Payment in full by March 27<sup>th</sup> is \$45 (\$5 discount), payment after March 27<sup>th</sup> is \$50. For attending this class you will receive 10% discount off Liability for 3 years and up to 4 points off your Drivers License. No test will be given, refreshments will be served. Call to register - Helen 917-553-2409 or 718-945-4648.

**EAST COAST PRO WRESTLING:** ECPW returns to St. Camillus Springman Hall on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be purchased from Jimmy Smallman (917-929-7326) or at SC Rectory. Tickets will be \$20 at the door. For more information, please call 973-402-9599 or visit the website at [www.ECPW1.com](http://www.ECPW1.com)

**CAMILLUS MADNESS BASKETBALL TOURNAMNET:** The Second Camillus Madness Basketball Tournament ends this week with the Championship Games. Come on down and cheer for the teams as they play for the Championship in the Camillus Madness Basketball Tournament. Thank you to Jill Palisi for organizing the tournament; to the volunteers who assisted; to the teams who participated and to the parents and families who came to cheer. **THANK YOU!**

**BUGALOU CONCERT:** The next Bugalou concert is Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in Springman Hall at St. Camillus. Wine with Sue will begin the night followed by Damn The Torpedoes, the premier Tom Petty tribute band in the country. Tickets are \$40 and are available at [www.bugaloumusic.com](http://www.bugaloumusic.com). For special group pricing, email [bugaloumusic@gmail.com](mailto:bugaloumusic@gmail.com).

**BISHOP REILLY REUNION:** The 1969 graduating class of Bishop Reilly HS, Fresh Meadows, NY, is holding a 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion. If you are a member of this class, or know someone who is a member of the class, please contact the committee at [ReillyReunion50@gmail.com](mailto:ReillyReunion50@gmail.com).

**EMPIRE GIRLS STATE PROGRAM** is a hands-on week-long educational workshop, (June 30- July 5) focusing on Americanism and the political process, sponsored by the New York State American Legion Auxiliary. This program, which has been accredited by the National College Credit Recommendation Service (National CCRS) is a non-partisan attempt to teach high school junior girls about government, politics, and Americanism.

Who is eligible? Candidates must be Juniors in high school, intending to return to school for the Senior year. Students from public, private, parochial, and home-schooling programs throughout New York State are eligible. If interested, please contact Dolores Traegler @ 718 634-0390 or [dtraeg@gmail.com](mailto:dtraeg@gmail.com).

**FREE WORKSHOPS** for Rockaway Residents 50+ years of age. Funded by the Office of NYC Council Member Eric Ulrich. Call Susan Lavin 718 368 5079 to RSVP for any of the programs.

*How to Incorporate Healthcare in Order to Live a Simpler and Healthy Way of Life* ~ Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 4 pm at Seaside Library.

*Aspirations "Bucket Lists"* ~ Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 3:30 pm ~ at Seaside Library.

*Smart Shopper Supermarket Walk* ~ Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - Join us to walk the food aisle and learn how the food labels read at Stop & Shop, 112 -15 Beach Channel Drive Time: TBD.

*Live Well Age Well Do Well Program* ~ 10 week program based on the National; Aging Mastery Program designed to offer 50+ years of age or older, the skills and tools needed to achieve measurable improvements in managing health, remaining economically secure, and contributing actively in society. Topics included Navigating a Longer Lives, Exercise and you, Sleep , healthy Eating and hydration, Financial Fitness, Medication Management, Advance Planning, Healthy Relationships, Fall Prevention and Community Engagement. Thursdays April 25- June 27 Time: 2:15- 3:45 pm at Seaside Library.

**Respect life** ~ Let us pray that God, who always hears the cry of His people who are being oppressed, may enable us to hear those cries and to save the poor, the vulnerable.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our young men and women who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **THIS Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** at 5 pm in St. Camillus Church.

**Mary MAY Corbett**

**Joseph DANIEL Foye**

**Jamie PAULINA Gross**

**Gregory DANIEL Harte**

**Madison MARY Jackowski**

**Jenna MARY Johnson**

**Richard IGNATIUS Juliano**

**Logan JUSTIN Kase**

**John MICHAEL Kelly**

**Keira MICHAEL Knapp**

**Courtney PATRICIA Mangan**

**Joseph WILLIAM Minogue**

**Christopher SEBASTIAN Morency**

**Chris GABRIEL Reberon**

**Michael FRANCIS Rogers**

**Robert JOHN Sacco**

**Daniel JOHN Schilling,**

**Emma FAITH Tritschler**

**Cali ELIZABETH Walters**

**Rachel ANNE Ward**

**Ella DEBORAH Young**

**THANK YOU** to Sr. Maureen Ahlemeyer PBVM, (Parish CRE) and Mrs. Mary Kay Flynn, (Catechist) and to Mr. Raffale Corso (Principal) and Mrs. Jean Spranger (Religion Teacher), and to Ms. Ann McDougall (Organist) and to the SV Choir. Thank you to the families and sponsors who accompanied the candidates on their Confirmation journey.

**NYPD 100<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** The Police Community Council will hold their monthly meeting on this Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Springman Hall. All are invited to attend.

*St. Camillus  
Catholic Academy  
April Showers of Cash Raffle*



Tickets are available at the Academy Office and the Rectory Office. 24 chances to win - prizes range from \$50 to \$1000. Drawing every week day from April 1 - 30. Tickets are \$50 each.



**ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY THE AOH DIVISION 21** is Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 11 am to 8 pm in St. Camillus Church Parking Lot. For more info, check out [www.IrishFest21.com](http://www.IrishFest21.com)

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**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD**  
MARCH 29-30, 2019



This year, please join us on March 29 and 30, 2019, at Holy Trinity Church in Whitestone for our Diocese of Brooklyn celebration of the 24 Hours for the Lord. Go to [holytrinityparish.org](http://holytrinityparish.org) for a complete listing of Masses (8:45 AM) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, and other prayer opportunities. Why not make this a family prayer day? 24 Hours for the Lord was initiated by Pope Francis in order to show the richness of God's mercy and love.

**FOR THE RIDE HOME: Gospel Reflection. ~**

- ◇ How will you show that you have heard Jesus' words about reforming your life?
- ◇ How do you need God to help you in order to change your life for the better?

# Annual Catholic Appeal 2019

DIocese of BROOKLYN

As a member of the Diocese of Brooklyn, you are part of a family of Catholics who practice their faith and live a life of stewardship throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

Through your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can help maintain vital programs and ministries that serve Jesus by reaching out in love to our brothers and sisters in the Lord.



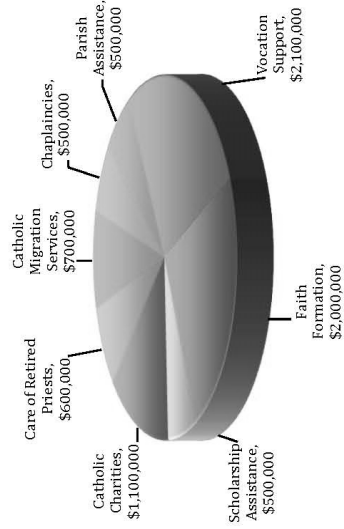
## Q: What do the contributions from the Annual Catholic Appeal support?

**A:** Simply, PEOPLE. Our greatest challenge as Catholics is to play our part in loving and serving our neighbor. So many of our brothers and sisters are in need, and we are blessed when we freely share our gifts with others with God's Love, Compassion and Joy.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is at the center of our efforts to put Jesus' love to work. By making a pledge commitment, you make possible the work which go beyond any one parish alone; outreach to those in need through our diocesan social ministry programs; increase our Church's efforts in recruiting and training candidates for priesthood and religious life; Support Faith Formation; enable Catholic Charities to continue their multi-services in our community; support our retired priests; make chaplains available to hospitals, prisons and schools; and ensure that we are able to continue assisting the newest members of our community—immigrants.

## Q: How is the money donated used – is there a list?

**A:** Yes, below is a pie chart that explains the allocation of funds you make available with your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.



2019 ACA CASE COMPONENTS



## Q: Does our parish benefit from this effort?

**A:** Our parish benefits – the diocesan wide ministries benefit - and all living in Brooklyn & Queens benefit. Your kindness nurtures the Words of Christ in many wonderful ministries, programs and services provided throughout Brooklyn and Queens – including those in our parish. As an example, the future of all parishes depends on having enough priests to minister to them. The Annual Catholic appeal does the job of supporting vocations in ways that no one parish alone could ever hope to accomplish ensuring that there will priests to celebrate Mass in all of our parishes.

In addition to this one clear example, our parish will also receive all funds raised over the parish goal to fund parish initiatives. In essence, your support of the ACA allows our parish to utilize funding on other initiatives. Of course, your weekly support of our parish is crucial and you are encouraged to continue to share your generosity with our parish primarily through the Sunday collection. But it is also important to remember that the Church extends far beyond the walls of our beautiful church and great parish.

## Q: I can only give a small amount, my gift is not important – so, why should I give?

**A:** We are asking people to give proportionately to their ability - every gift is important. The Lord has shared many gifts with each of us. As Christians we are called to share His blessing with others. Your gift is truly a personal sacrifice – one that we are most grateful for, so reflect upon this decision as you share your gift. No matter if it is a onetime gift of \$50 or a pledge for the year of \$2,500, every gift gets our parish closer to fulfilling its responsibility to the broader Catholic Community in Brooklyn and Queens. Every Gift makes a difference!



The Diocese of Brooklyn is made up of people like you from 187 different parishes bonded together in the love of Christ. Part of being a responsible Catholic is looking after others, particularly those in need. As St. Paul says, "When one member suffers, we all suffer. When one rejoices, we all rejoice." that is why we have the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Please be as generous as you can when you are asked to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Thank you!

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